

DG 00-063

**ENERGY NORTH NATURAL GAS, INC.**

**Revenue Neutral rate Redesign Proceeding**

**Order Modifying Procedural Schedule**

**O R D E R    N O.    23,599**

**December 12, 2000**

On March 23, 2000, EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. (ENGI) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules. On May 8, 2000, ENGI submitted the proposed rate schedules.

Pursuant to an Order of Notice issued May 15, 2000, the Commission held a Prehearing Conference and Technical Session on June 8, 2000.

On June 20, 2000, Staff, with the concurrence of ENGI and the Office of Consumer Advocate, filed with the Commission a proposed procedural schedule to govern the orderly progression of the proceeding, which was approved by Order No. 23,525 (July 6, 2000). The proposed schedule provided for discovery and the filing of testimony, as well as the opportunity for filing motions to consolidate the hearing in this proceeding with that of Docket DG 00-046, *Northern Utilities, Inc.* pursuant to NH Admin. Rule Puc 203.08. Subsequently, testimony and discovery were filed by the

Parties and Staff in accordance with the procedural schedule.

On November 15, 2000, in accordance with the procedural schedule, Staff submitted an Assented to Motion to Consolidate and Postpone Hearings in both this proceeding and Docket DG 00-046, *Northern Utilities Inc.*

On November 22, 2000, the Commission, by Secretarial Letter, determined that consolidation of the hearings in Docket DG 00-046, *Northern Utilities, Inc.* and Docket DG 00-063, *EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc.* would promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceedings and that postponement could increase the opportunity for settlement. The consolidated hearings were scheduled for January 23, 2001.

On December 8, 2000, Staff notified the Commission that the Parties and Staff had agreed to establish a procedural schedule, including settlement conferences and a revised hearing date, for the remainder of the proceeding, as follows:

Settlement Conferences	December 19, 2000
(as needed)	January 3, 2001
(Commencing at 10:00 am)	January 4, 2001
	January 16, 2001
	January 17, 2001

Settlement and/or Stipulations, January 30, 2001  
if any, filed with the  
Commission

Hearing Consolidated with February 7, 2001  
Docket DG 00-063 (on February 8, 2001  
Settlement and any  
unresolved issues)  
(Commencing at 10:00 am)

We find that the proposed revised procedural schedule will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of these proceedings and provide the Parties and Staff the opportunity for settlement and we will, therefore, approve it for the duration of the proceeding.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby**

**ORDERED,** that the procedural schedule delineated above is APPROVED.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twelfth day of December, 2000.

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Douglas L. Patch  
Chairman

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Susan S. Geiger  
Commissioner

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Nancy Brockway  
Commissioner

Attested by:

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Thomas B. Getz  
Executive Director and Secretary